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1. GOJ AGENCIES CONCERNED WITH ENVIRONMENT INCLUDING ENVIRONMENT AGENCY, MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY, AND MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ARE ALL IN SUPPORT OF SUBJECT EVENTS IN TOKYO.

2. THE EVENTS INCLUDE (1) INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ENVIRONMENT (MAY 26-28), (2) WORLD ENVIRONMENT EXHIBITION '76 (MAY 31-JUNE 9), AND (3) APO (ASIAN PRODUCTIVITY ORGANIZATION) SEMINAR ON ENVIRONMENT (JUNE 1-2).

3. FIRST TWO EVENTS ARE SPONSORED JOINTLY BY NIHON KEIZAI SHIMBUN (JAPAN ECONOMIC JOURNAL) AND JAPAN PRODUCTIVITY CENTER AND ARE PARTICIPATED IN BY A NUMBER OF JAPANESE AND FOREIGN SCHOLARS, MANY OF THEM ECONOMISTS. FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE PROF. KENNETH BOULDING AT UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AND DR. PETER HOUSE, GUEST PROFESSOR AT UNCLASSIFIED

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA. DR. KIYOO WADACHI, CHAIRMAN OF

CENTRAL COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION CONTROL, DR. MICHIO HASHIMOTO, DIRECTOR, AIR QUALITY BUREAU, EA, AND KOICHI BABA OF ECONOMIC PLANNING AGENCY (FORMERLY DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, EA) ARE ALSO AMONG JAPANESE PARTICIPANTS.

4. SYMPOSIUM WILL REVIEW AND DISCUSS PROBLEMS RELATING TO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND ITS IMPACT ON ENVIRONMENT; WASTE RECYCLING; URBANIZATION; AND ECONOMIC COST OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

5. WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL EXHIBITION '76 WILL BE PARTICIPATED IN BY JAPANESE GOVERNMENT, UNITED NATIONS AND US ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) IN ADDITION TO ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS AND PRIVATE INDUSTRY. NIHON KEIZAI REPORTED THAT EPA EXHIBITS ARE DESIGNED PRIMARILY TO GAIN PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF US ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY, AND OF CONCEPTS AND METHODS IN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT.

6. APO TOP MANAGEMENT SEMINAR IS DELIBERATELY TIMED TO ABOVE SYMPOSIUM AND EXHIBITION IN TOKYO. MOTIVE ON PART OF GOJ IS TO PROVIDE DELEGATES FROM APO MEMBER COUNTRIES (ROK, TAIWAN, THE PHILIPPINES, INDONESIA, THAILAND, SINGAPORE, SRI LANKA, INDIA, NEPAL, PAKISTAN, IRAN AND HONG KONG) WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO OBSERVE SYMPOSIUM AND EXHIBITION, MAKE PLANT VISITS IN JAPAN, AND HOLD ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION. COST OF APO ACTIVITIES IN JAPAN WILL BE BORNE BY THE MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

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